

# U.S. Fire Administrator Visits Israel to Sign Agreement with the Israel Fire and Rescue Authority, Delivers Keynote at 2022 Israel Homeland Security and Cyber Conference

---

Release Date: ??? 1, 2022

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell is in Israel this week participating in a series of international bi-lateral meetings.

Dr. Moore-Merrell kicked off the week by delivering a keynote address at the 2022 Israel Homeland Security and Cyber Conference in Tel Aviv. Her remarks focused on the U.S. Fire Administration's role in creating partnerships for the fire industry, the role technology plays in protecting the homeland and the health and safety of firefighters.

"Protecting our nations' homelands against fire and hazardous threats requires continued collaborative research and development in the field of firefighting," said **Dr. Moore-Merrell**. "These opportunities, coupled with an establishment of an information exchange capability for operational training expertise and data-informed technology, will allow us to enhance our capabilities for predicting the incidence and spread of large-scale fires."



FEMA

Page 1 of 5



***TEL AVIV, Israel -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell provides the keynote address at the the 2022 Israel Homeland Security and Cyber Conference Nov. 28. (Photo by Asi Efrati)***

Later in the week, Dr. Moore-Merrell participated in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony with the Israel Fire and Rescue Authority (IFRA). This new MOU between the USFA and IFRA allows the two agencies to work together directly and develop a work plan of activities for 2023, introduced by Israel's National Emergency Management Authority.

The work plan will include partnership in whole-of-community firefighter support and leadership best practices. It also includes a commitment to participate in exercises, simulations and drills.

“The mutual sharing of knowledge and capabilities for community fire risk assessment coupled with methods for matching resource deployment to the risk will only help our countries protect citizens better against future risks,” said **Dr. Moore Merrell**. “Our continued partnership with the Israel Fire and Rescue Authority and the opportunity to collaborate on the development of workshops and exercises will also allow for an even greater resource capacity building activities. Thank you to Commissioner Lt. General Eyal Caspi



for your generous hospitality and friendship, and we look forward to working together even more.”

The Israel Fire and Rescue Commissioner Lt. General Eyal Caspi further elaborated on the importance of the MOU and international collaboration. “Countries and firefighting services in the world face cross-border operational challenges that require the integration of forces, knowledge, means and technologies. Strategic cooperation in the international arena, as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States, are required in the chaotic reality of a global climate crisis. International partnerships are part of the operational force building and its adaptation to changing reality, to provide an optimal response to mega wildfires and floods.”



***RISHON LEZION, Israel -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell signs a discusses Memorandum of Understanding with the Israel Fire and Rescue Authority Commissioner Lt. General Eyal Caspi at the Fire Authority Headquarters Nov. 30. (Photo by Israel Fire and Rescue Authority)***



**FEMA**



***ASHDOD, Israel -- U.S. Fire Administrator tours the Ashdod Fire Station and meets with local firefighters. Nov. 30, 2022. (FEMA Photo)***



***ASHDOD, Israel -- U.S. Fire Administrator tours the Ashdod Fire Station and meets with local firefighters. Nov. 30, 2022. (FEMA Photo)***



**FEMA**



**HAIFA, Israel -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell visits Carmel Fire Memorial Dec. 1. (FEMA photo)**

FEMA, through the U.S. Fire Administration, continues to strengthen its international relationships and identify new ways to partner together, share best practices and ideas for how to better protect citizens from fire hazards.



**FEMA**